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LUSAKA,JANUARY 5 -- BANNED SOUTH AFRICAN NEWSPAPER EDITOR,
DONALD WOODS, HIS WIFE WENDY AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN ARRIVED
HERE JANUARY 4 ENROUTE TO LONDON WHERE THEY WILL BEGIN A NEW
LIFE IN EXILE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS ARRIVAL AT LUSAKA'S INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT,MR. WOODS HARSHLY CRITICIZED THE SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT OVER ITS RACIAL POLICIES. HE BLAMED THEIR POLICIES
FOR HIS HAVING TO FLEE THAT COUNTRY.

MR. WOODS, 44, WHO WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY BRITISH
HIGH COMMISSIONER HERE, STEPHEN MILES, ALSO WARNED OF
"A TERRIBLE RACIAL CIVIL WAR" IN SOUTH AFRICA UNLESS THE
NATIONALIST PARTY GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER JOHN
VORSTER CHANGES ITS APARTHEID POLICY WHICH ADVOCATES
SEPARATE RACIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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MR. WOODS, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT
KENNETH KAUNDA BEFORE LEAVING FOR LONDON, SAID HE PLANS
TO PETITION THE UNITED NATIONS TO DELCARE MR. VORSTER AND
HIS JUSTICE MINISTER,JAMES KRUGER "INTERNATIONAL
CRIMINALS."

MR. WOOD ALSO CHARGED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY POLICE WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECENT ATTEMPTED ATTACK ON HIS SIX-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER'S LIFE AND THE SHOOTING INCIDENT AT HIS HOME LAST YEAR.

HE VOWED THAT HE WOULD ONE DAY RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA BUT ONLY IF AND WHEN THE "RACIST REGIME OF MR. VORSTER" WAS EITHER REFORMED OR REPLACED.

"WE WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT IT'S A TEMPORARY DEPARTURE. WE INTEND TO RETURN TO OUR HOME AS SOON AS THE RACIST REGIME OF VORSTER IS REMOVED OR UNTIL (SIC) IT IS REFORMED, EITHER BY ITS OWN INCLINATION OR BY PRESSURE FROM OUTSIDE OR INSIDE," HE TOLD NEWSMEN.

HE SAID HE AND HIS FAMILY HAD BEEN "FORCED" TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY BECAUSE OF SEVERAL REASONS, THE MAIN ONE BEING THAT THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT OF MR. VORSTER "MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AS A JOURNALIST AND AS A CRITIC OF THE APARTHEID POLICY."

ANOTHER REASON IS THAT PRESS FREEDOM "IS DEAD IN SOUTH AFRICA AS FROM OCTOBER 19." IT WAS ON THAT DATE LAST YEAR THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT CLAMPED DOWN ON CRITICS OF ITS RACIAL POLICIES AND PLACED INTO DETENTION OR UNDER BANNING ORDERS SEVERAL PERSONS.
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MR. WOODS WAS PUT UNDER A FIVE-YEAR BANNING ORDER THAT CONFINED HIM TO HIS EAST LONDON AREAS.

"YET ANOTHER REASON IS THAT MY WIFE AND I FELT THAT OUR FAMILY WAS NO LONGER SAFE FROM ASSULTS BY THE SECURITY POLICE AND YET ANOTHER REASON WAS THAT IN VIEW OF THE DEATH OF OUR DEAR FRIEND STEVE BIKO WE FELT THAT IT WAS OUR DUTY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WE COULD NO LONGER SAY THE THINGS WE FELT WE SHOULD SAY ABOUT THAT DEATH AT HOME, TO GO TO WHERE WE COULD SAY THESE THINGS," MR. WOODS SAID.

HE SAID EVEN THOUGH THE SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES MAY BE HAPPY TO THINK THEY HAD GOT RID OF HIM, "OUR RESPONSE TO THAT IS THAT THEY ARE NOT TID OF US. I PROMISE YOU THEY ARE NOT RID OF US," HE VOWED.

HE SAID HE PLANNED TO CONTINUE HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PRETORIA GOVERNMENT BY GOING "WHenever I CAN, SAY WHATEVER I CAN TO TEL THE WORLD OF THE THINGS THAT MUST BE DONE TO BRING PRESSURES TO BEAR ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO SAVE, IF POSSIBLE, THAT COUNTRY AND

ITS PEOPLE FROM A VICIOUS RACIAL CIVIL WAR."

HE SAID HE INTENDED TO IMMEDIATELY GO TO BRITAIN, BUT HE
WAS NOT SURE AT THE MOMENT WHERE FINALLY HE WOULD SETTLE.

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"BUT I FORESEE IT AS A NECESSITY TO GO TO THE UNITED
STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY ON THE WESTERN
WORLDS, BECAUSE I FELT THAT IT IS THE COUNTRIES OF THE
WESTERN WORLD THAT POSSIBLY HAVE NOT THE MOST ACUTE REALIZATION
OF THE NEEDS AND OF THE URGENCY OF THE SOUTH AFRICA
SITUATION. I CAN FORESEE THAT THIS MISSION WILL TAKE US TO
THE UNITED STATES, AND TO FRANCE AND TO WEST GERMANY, AND TO
SCANDINAVIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES," HE SAID.

MR. WOODS SAID IT WAS HIS CONVICTION THAT THE ROLE OF
WHITE LIBERALS LIKE HIMSELF IN SOUTH AFRICA WAS "FINISHED"
AND THAT IN A SITUATION LIKE THAT, WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS
LIKE HIM APPEARED TO HAVE "NO RELEVANCE" INSIDE THE
COUNTRY.

"IT IS LIKE TWO TRAINS ON A COLLISION COURSE TOWARDS EACH
OTHER", HE SAID IN RELATION TO THE ACTIONS OF THE WHITE
GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE BLACKS OF SOUTH AFRICA.

" AND AS I SEE IT, THE ROLE OF PEOPLE LIKE MY WIFE AND I
IS? RELUCTANTLY, TO LET THIS OCCUR AND THEN TO RETURN AND
HELP PICK UP THE PIECES. I FEAR THERE WILL BE MUCH
BLOODSHED IN SOUTH AFRICA," SAID THE SOUTH AFRICAN NEWSMAN,
WHO HAD ENTERED THE VIP LOUJGE WHERE THE NEWS CONFERENCE

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WAS HELD WITH CLENCHED FIST HELD HIGH IN A BLACK POWER SALUTE.

HE NAMED THE TWO SECURITY POLICEMEN HE CLAIMED WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ACID ATTACK ON HIS DAUGHTER AS VAN SCHAKWYK AND MARAIS, BOTH WHOM HE SAID WERE "WARRANT OFFICERS." T-SHIRTS BEARING THE PORTRAIT OF BLACK ACTIVIST STEVE BIKO, A CLOSE FRIEND OF MR. WOODS WHO DIED IN POLICE DETENTION LAST SEPTEMBER, AND IMPREGNATED WITH ACID, WERE SET TO THE WOODS HOME.

HE BLAMED THE SHOOTING INCIDENT AT HIS HOUSE EARLIER IN THE YEAR WHEN ABOUT FIVE BULLETS WERE FIRED INTO THE FRONT OF HIS HOUSE BY TWO OTHER SECURITY POLICE MEN HE NAMED AS CILLIER AND JOOSTE.

EXPANDING ON HIS INTENTION TO PETITION THE U.N. TO DECLARE MR. VORSTER AND MR. KRUGER "INTERNATIONAL CRIMINALS," MR. WOODS SAID IF THE DETAINED BLACK EDITOR OF THE BLACK NEWSPAPER "THE WORLD", PERCY QUOBOZA AND OTHER DETAINEES ARE NOT RELEASED "BY THE END OF THIS MONTH" HE WOULD INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF WHETHER THE U.N. WOULD CONSIDER DECLARING PEOPLE LIKE MR. KRUGER INTERNATIONAL CRIMINALS.

"FURTHERMORE, IF ALL BANNED PERSONS AND ALL DETAINED PERSONS ARE NOT RELEASED SOON, WHETHER THEY (THE U.N.) WILL ADD TO THE LIST OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINALS THE NAMES OF VORSTER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

"SUCH PERSONS COULD BE BRANDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINALS, AS PEOPLE WHO
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HAVE ACTED AGAINST THE FAMILY OF MAN, WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY," HE DECLARED. ITEM
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